ALL I NEED DO IS IMPLANT MEMORIES ONE MORE TIME...

...TO MAKE YOU HATE ROD AGAIN. AND THEN...

I CAN'T THINK ABOUT THAT ANY MORE.

HAVE TO PUT IT OUT OF MY MIND...

SQUEEZE

CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI

...MY ENEMY.

FORGET THAT I FELL IN LOVE...

...WITH SAKAKI...

PRISONER

HE CAPTURED ME...

...SIT AROUND AND BEMOAN MY FATE!

FWAP...

...BUT I'M NOT JUST GOING TO...

NOT THIS TIME!

SAKAKI ISN'T GOING TO GET WHAT HE WANTS!

PUSH

PUSH

WHERE AM I...?

!

WOBBLE

MY BODY FEELS HEAVY ...

SAKAKI MUST HAVE DRAINED ME OF LIFE FORCE.

...BUT I...

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

I'M GOING TO KILL SAKAKI.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I HAVE TO KILL HIM!..

CREAK...

...BUT...

I HAVE TO AVENGE MY FRIENDS!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I HAVE TO SEE THAT THROUGH!

ALL THE LIFE FORCE I TOOK OUT OF YOU AND YOU CAN STILL MOVE?!

!

SPUNKY LITTLE GIRL...

...SO I COULD KILL YOU...

I WAS GOING TO LOOK FOR YOU...

SHIK SHIK

I KNOW YOUR FATHER SAVED MY LIFE, BUT STILL ...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!

I MET HIM ONLY ONCE, TEN YEARS AGO!

THE KEY IS HE WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL *YOU.*

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

WHEN YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM YOURSELF?

...THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL ROD?

AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...?

TAK

SAKAKI ...

FWUMP

SHUDDER

SSSSS

AH ...

YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO KILL ME AS LONG AS YOU HOLD ON TO YOUR HUMAN WEAKNESS ...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ATTACK ME, THE OUTCOME WILL BE THE SAME.

SAKAKI... DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE...

BUT UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL WAIT HERE WITHOUT MAKING A FUSS.

BY THE TIME YOU'RE STRIPPED OF THAT FAILING, YOU'LL BE READY TO WORK FOR ME.

DON'T INSULT ME!

HE TOLD ME NOT TO THINK LIKE THAT...

...BUT ...

...I CAN'T HELP...

...WHO MUST HAVE BEEN SO WEAK THAT HE COULD BE SLAIN BY A MERE HUMAN CHILD?!

WHAT?

YOU BELIEVE YOU KILLED MY FATHER...

I'LL BE SURE TO WIPE THOSE ABSURD THOUGHTS OUT OF YOUR HEAD AS WELL!

DO YOU HATE ME...?

BECAUSE I KILLED YOUR FATHER...?

I ALREADY SAID NO, DAMN YOU!

...THROUGH ALL THIS?

IS...IS THAT WHY YOU'RE PUTTING ME...

NO! THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!

THEN IT'S TRUE!

DID ROD TELL YOU?!

GRAB

...IT WASN'T MY FAULT.

NO! HE SAID...

THAT YOU KILLED MY FATHER?!

IS THAT WHAT ROD TOLD YOU?!

ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME TO FORGIVE HIM?

SAKA...

ENOUGH!

NOT WHEN YOUR FATHER'S LAST ACT WAS TO SAVE ME.

THAT'S WHY HE WON'T LET ME DIE...

SO WHAT?

HE HUNTED ME AND MY PARENTS DOWN TEN YEARS AGO...

...AND TO MY EYES, IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS HAVING FUN SLAUGHTERING US.

THE BASTARD RIPPED MY MOTHER'S HEAD OFF...

...AND TORTURED MY FATHER TO DEATH... THE MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HIS ***BEST FRIEND.***

I SAW THE WHOLE THING.

THEN...

YOU THINK I HATE YOU? BECAUSE OF THAT?

NO. THE ONLY ONE I HATE IS ROD.

THE MAN WHO COULD MURDER HIS BEST FRIEND, MY FATHER...

...AND THEN JUST WALK AWAY AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.

HE SAID THAT EVEN NOW...

...HE REGRETS KILLING YOUR FATHER.

HE'S BEEN FULL OF REMORSE EVER SINCE.

SAKAKI, HE DIDN'T JUST WALK AWAY...

BECAUSE, BY THE SAME TOKEN...

...YOU CAN'T FORGIVE *ME!*

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, CANON ?

STOP IT!

THAT'S ...

THAT'S RIGHT...

STOP IT!

SO WHAT DO I CARE FOR HIS REMORSE ?!

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO ERASE ...

...MY TEN YEARS OF HATE?!

WHAM!

I'M SURE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

MY HEART HAD STOPPED BEATING MINUTES BEFORE ...

...BUT I WASN'T DEAD YET. I *COULDN'T* DIE.

I CURSED HIM IN MY AGONY !!

I WAS POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING BUT HATE HIM!!

SAKAKI...!!

SA...

BUT UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL SLEEP!

I DO UNDERSTAND...

...ALL TOO WELL... AND YET...

.....!!

SAKAKI, STOP IT! SAKAKI!!

NEVER!!

AND YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE ME FORGET!

STOP IT!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!

...I CAN UNDER-STAND YOU!!

DON'T TELL ME...

WAH

I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOU!!

...AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.

YOU CAN DESPISE ME...

THERE, YOU SEE?

.....!

IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.

IN SHORT ORDER, YOU'LL DO EXACTLY AS I COMMAND!

YOU'RE ME, SAKAKI, IF I'D NEVER MET FUI...

...AND IF I'D NEVER MET YOU.

YOU'RE ME IF I'D ONLY HAD THE HATRED...

...TO KEEP ME GOING FOR YEARS.

I KNOW HIS HEART... ALL TOO WELL...

SAKAKI...

SAKAKI IS ME, TEN YEARS LATER ...

...LEFT ALL ALONE...

...WANDERING ALL THIS TIME...

REMEMBER, IT WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO THIS IF YOU HADN'T BUNGLED THE ASSIGNMENT TEN YEAR AGO

HESITATION WILL HOLD YOU BACK WHEN YOU ATTACK.

FAIL AGAIN TONIGHT AND THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE FOR YOU.

PERHAPS THIS IS YOUR PUNISHMENT ...

...FOR LETTING SAKAKI LIVE BACK THEN.

YOU MUSTN'T LET YOURSELF HAVE ANY SECOND THOUGHTS ...

...JUST BECAUSE SAKAKI IS RICARDO'S SON.

I HOPE OBSERVING IS ALL I'LL BE REQUIRED TO DO.

PERHAPS. AND YOU'LL BE THERE TO OBSERVE MY "SENTENCE" BEING CARRIED OUT?

OF COURSE HE WILL.

THAT'S THE IDEA.

IT'LL BE DARK SOON.

I WONDER IF SAKAKI REALLY WILL BE DISPOSED OF TONIGHT.

HMM ...

..WHETHER OR NOT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KILL HIM.

I HAVE TO CONFESS, IT'S BEEN EATING AT ME...

...YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE GIRL EARLIER.

I OVER-HEARD ...

IT'S A LITTLE LATE IN THE DAY TO LOSE FAITH IN ME MY FRIEND

YOU'RE TOO SOFT ON HER.

GET YOUR HEAD ON STRAIGHT.

SHE'S TOO FAR GONE TO BE CHANGED BACK INTO HUMAN.

BE SURE THAT YOU DO.

OH. ONE MORE THING.

ABOUT THE SERVANT GIRL...

YOU KNOW THAT THE ONLY THING TO BE DONE...

...IS TO KILL HER.

MMM...

CERTAINLY, I SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM DECISIVELY TEN YEARS AGO.

THE ONLY THING THAT KEEPS HIM ALIVE NOW IS HATE.

THERE WON'T BE ANY HESITATION.

I WILL KILL HIM TONIGHT..

...FOR HIS OWN SAKE AS MUCH AS ANYTHING ELSE!

HMPH.

LEAD ME...

FLAP

...TO WHERE THE GIRL IS.

TAK

.....

I KNOW.

KH KH KH

SHIK

I NEVER DID THINK YOU STOOD A CHANCE.

YAK

AH...

OR PERHAPS I SHOULD AMEND THAT TO, "YOU'RE BE NG *KEPT* A_IVE."

. . . .

WELL, WELL ...

YOU'RE ST_ _ A_IVE, ARE YOU?

AFTER A_L, YOU'RE JUST ONE SERVANT...

WH- WHAT...?

...BUT YOU'RE ALSO ROD'S WEAKNESS ..

...SO YOU MUST BE KILLED!

FOR SOMEONE WHO TALKED SO B G, YOU WERE _AID LOW EASILY ENOUGH.

ARE YOU HIS "GO-TO" FOR SNACKS NOW? WHENEVER HE NEEDS A QUICK P CK-ME-UP ?

YOU'RE ...

...AND COME BACK WITH ROD!!

LEAVE HERE, VAMPIRE ...

...YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MADE HER INTO A SERVANT!

SO..

!!

TAP

FWASH

...I'VE TRAINED HER TO FIGHT.

NOR ARE YOU THE ONE ...

...I WANT TO KILL.

BUT YOU'RE NOT THE ONE...

WELL, YOU'RE AN EARLY RISER. THE SUN'S BARELY SET.

SO YOU'RE SAKAKI...

YOU KNOW, YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR FATHER.

FWOOOO

YOU INTEND ON HAVING HER FIGHT ROD, IS THAT IT?

KYAAA...

FWOOOO

TOSS

I CAME HERE TO TAKE OUT A HE_P_ESS LITT_E GIRL...

...BUT FIND MYSELF IN THE COMPANY OF A BIG BAD WOLF.

...BUT IT APPEARS THAT YOU RESEMBLE YOUR MOTHER ON THE INSIDE.

I WOULD THINK THE SON OF RICARDO IS MORE CLEVER THAN THAT...

SAKAKI...

DOES SAKAKI KNOW THAT HE HAS AS MUCH POWER AS ROD...?

DOES SAKAKI KNOW...

...HOW STRONG THIS GUY IS?

...WHO DUPED YOUR FATHER.

YOUR MOTHER... THE STUPID WOMAN...

Fwit

BUT NOW WHAT? YOUR PLAN...

THEN YOU'VE DEDUCED SHE WOULD BE HIS ACHILLES HEEL.

I COMMEND YOU ON THE INSIGHT.

...IF I DISPOSE OF YOU BOTH RIGHT HERE.

...WILL ALL BE FOR NAUGHT...

Fwoo

SSSS

DON'T ...

DON'T DO IT, SAKAKI !

SAKAKI ...

...FIGHT HIM!!

SQUEEZE ...

THROB

.....

FSSSS

.. BUT WHY NOT. .

TRY SHUTTING UP FOR A SECOND? I'VE GOT A RELATED STORY YOU MIGHT FIND PRETTY AMUSING /

!

I CAN SEE YOU LIKE TALKING ...

...SO WHENEVER THE "JUICE" HE GAVE HER HIT THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL...

BUT I GUESS EVEN ROD COULDN'T CURE THE DISEASE...

...HE'D COME OUT OF HIDING AND GIVE HER MORE.

...THAT THE LIFE FORCE ROD GAVE ME WAS RUNNING OUT.

HE TOLD ME THE SAME THING THEN.

...BUT SHE KEPT RIGHT ON LIVING AFTER THAT.

CAN YOU GUESS WHY?

WHEN SHE RAN INTO ROD TEN YEARS AGO, SHE WAS ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...

THIS GIRL USED TO HAVE A TERMINAL DISEASE.

IS HAVING ONE OF YOUR OWN GET THAT CLOSE TO A HUMAN...

...CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE THESE DAYS IN YOUR CLAN?

OR DOES SHE HAVE TO DIE BEFORE HE GETS TAKEN BACK INTO THE FOLD? HOW DOES THAT WORK?

WHAT...?

IT'S BECAUSE ROD GAVE HER A MASSIVE DOSE OF HIS OWN LIFE FORCE.

AND THAT WASN'T THE LAST TIME, EITHER.

FSSSSSS

GAS...?

I'VE LIVED ALL THESE YEARS JUST SO I COULD KILL ROD.

CLANG

...LACK OF CLEVER-NESS!

TALK ABOJT YOUR...

FWOOSH

WHAT ARE YOU AIMING AT...?!

KRAK

WOOM

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON YOU.

ROOOOAR

I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU THAT I'D KILL SAKAKI.

...JUST LIKE RICARDO.

YOU'RE A DAMNED FOOL...

ESCAPED, HAS HE...?

WOOSH

UNTHINKABLE FOR A VAMPIRE!

ROD TOOK THAT MUCH PITY ON THE GIRL?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, GLENN?

BY FALLING IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN, YOU HAVE CONDEMNED YOURSELF...

DO YOU REALIZE, ROD...?

ROD... GAVE ME...?

WHAT... YOU WERE SAYING BACK THERE...

NOTHING TO WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD OVER.

HUFF HUFF

SAKAKI...

AM I REALLY JUST...?

SAKA...

...KI...

ALL YOU HAVE TO FOCUS ON IS MURDERING HIM.

ROD...

...IS HERE.

NO...!

STOP IT, SAKAKI...!!

SAKA...

I'LL MAKE YOU ABLE TO KILL HIM...

...ONCE MORE... LIKE I DID BEFORE!

IT'S TOO LATE ...

...TO TURN BACK NOW.

STAND UP...

...CANON HIMURO.

PRISONER: THE END